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Applicants: Novaes et al.

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Filed: 05/31/00

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PROCESSING GROUPS OF A DISTRIBUTED COMPUTING
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Response To Office Action

Dear Sir:

This Response to Office Action is being submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed
September 5, 2003 for the above-referenced patent application. A response to the Office Action
was initially due on or before December 5, 2003, and thus, a Request For Extension Of Time and
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Invention: **METHOD, SYSTEM AND PROGRAM PRODUCTS FOR MANAGING PROCESSING GROUPS OF A DISTRIBUTED COMPUTING ENVIRONMENT**

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.
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CLAIMS AS AMENDED					
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	49 -	48 =	1 x	\$18.00	\$18.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	9 -	9 =	0 x	\$86.00	\$0.00
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